

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 41

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 52

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to the CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 41, Mitchell. CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 405 in the City of Los Angeles as the CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Philip Dennis Ortiz was born June 27, 1961, in Santa Monica, California; and

WHEREAS, Philip graduated from Santa Monica High School in 1979 and attended Santa Monica City College; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol (CHP), Philip worked for a local supermarket; however, he always had a dream of becoming a CHP Officer; and

WHEREAS, On December 23, 1982, CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz, badge number 10428, graduated from the CHP Academy and was assigned to the central Los Angeles area office; and

WHEREAS, After more than seven years of service in the central Los Angeles area, Officer Ortiz was transferred to the west Los Angeles area, where he spent the remainder of his career; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ortiz performed several duties over the course of his career, some of which included a motorcycle officer, a motorcycle officer in charge of training the officers who successfully passed motor school, a weapons/range officer, a physical methods of arrest (PMA) instructor, and protective services detail (PSD); and

WHEREAS, Philip Dennis Ortiz was married to his best friend, Jessica, in 1983, and couldn't have been happier; and

WHEREAS, On June 22, 2010, CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz pulled a vehicle over for a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane violation. While approaching the vehicle, another car was driving along the shoulder and struck Officer Ortiz and his motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ortiz was transported to the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center where he remained until his passing almost two weeks later; and

WHEREAS, CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz is survived by his wife, Jessica, sister, Anna, mother, Irene, and stepfather, Claude; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ortiz is admired for his professionalism, dedication, honesty, loyalty, respect, courage, and “esprit de corps.” He consistently represented the best of the CHP and was an outstanding role model; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 405 from Venice Boulevard to National Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles as the CHP Officer Philip Dennis Ortiz Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.